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By Sam Sabin

Top Stories

- Twitter Inc. rolled out its first official guidelines on what is considered "dehumanizing" speech with a ban on speech that is insulting to religious groups, specifically because such language can "lead to offline harm." The company spent nearly a year crafting the new rules, and Jerrel Peterson, Twitter's head of safety policy, said the platform intends to eventually expand the rules to "all protected categories." (The New York Times)
- Karan Bhatia, Google's vice president of public policy who served as a

deputy U.S. Trade Representative under President George W. Bush, will testify at a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution hearing next week on his company's alleged censorship of conservative voices. The new hearing comes after the panel, which is chaired by Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), rescinded Google's invitation for a previous hearing because the subcommittee thought the company did not offer a sufficiently senior representative. (The Hill)

- Marriott International Inc. is facing a 99 million pound ($123 million) fine from regulators in the United Kingdom for a data breach of its Starwood reservation database that exposed the information of up to 383 million guests, including millions of unencrypted passport numbers and credit card numbers. An investigation conducted by the U.K.'s Information Commissioner's Office concluded that Marriott "failed to undertake sufficient due diligence" when it acquired the Starwood properties, while Marriott said it will contest the fine and "has been cooperating with the ICO throughout its investigation" regarding the hack. (TechCrunch)

Chart Review

How Automation Is Cutting Into Workers' Share of Economic Output
Fortune

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

07/10/2019

VentureBeat Transform 2019	
TechCrunch Sessions: Mobility 2019	9:00 am
Center for Strategic and International Studies' "Network Futures: 5G, SDN and the Internet" webcast event	9:00 am
Senate Commerce markup, including bills on STEM careers,	

broadband data, IoT innovations and more	10:00 am
House Homeland Security Committee's hearing on the Department of Homeland Security's use of facial recognition and biometric technologies	10:00 am
House Science Committee's hearing on NASA's plans for the international space station	10:00 am
FCC's July Open Commission Meeting	10:30 am
AEI event on higher education and artificial intelligence	10:45 am
New America's event on governance in space	2:00 pm
Sen. Chris Coons and Rep. Steve Stivers host bicameral event to re-introduce STRONGER Patents Act	4:45 pm

07/11/2019

VentureBeat Transform 2019	
White House Social Media Summit	
FCC's SHAKEN/STIR Robocall Summit	
U.S. Chamber of Commerce's "Data Done Right" summit focused on data privacy	9:45 am
Information Technology and Innovation Foundation's event on the big tech breakup debate	10:00 am
FCC webinar for low power broadcasters on the emergency alert system	1:00 pm
Senate Commerce hearing on National Surface Transportation Research Agenda	2:00 pm

07/12/2019

House Energy and Commerce's energy subcommittee's hearing on cyber threats to the grid	9:30 am

07/14/2019

Microsoft Inspire	

07/15/2019

Fortune's Brainstorm Tech 2019	
Microsoft Inspire	
Transformative Technology Summit	6:30 pm

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Fortune's Brainstorm Tech 2019	
Microsoft Inspire	
Senate Banking Committee's hearing on Facebook's cryptocurrency	10:00 am
Information Technology and Innovation Foundation's event on robotics	10:00 am

07/17/2019

Fortune's Brainstorm Tech 2019	
Microsoft Inspire	
The Atlantic's "Building Opportunity for All" event in San Francisco	9:00 am
House Financial Services Committee's hearing on Facebook's cryptocurrency plans	10:00 am
Senate Judiciary's oversight hearing on the United States Copyright Office	2:30 pm

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General

Amazon, Microsoft wage war over the Pentagon's 'war cloud'
Matt O'Brien, The Associated Press

Amazon and Microsoft are battling it out over a $10 billion opportunity to build the U.S. military its first "war cloud" computing system. But Amazon's early hopes of a shock-and-awe victory may be slipping away.

Microsoft denies it will move production out of China
Corinne Reichert, CNET

Microsoft has denied that it'll be moving production of its tech products out of China, following a report that the rising US-China trade tensions had spurred the potential move. Last week, the Nikkei Asian Review said Microsoft, along with Amazon, Google, Hewlett-Packard, Dell, Sony, Nintendo, Asus and Lenovo, would start manufacturing products in other Asian countries such as Taiwan, Vietnam, Indonesia and Thailand.

Nintendo Switch to be made in Vietnam
Kana Inagaki, Financial Times

Nintendo will shortly begin producing Switch consoles in Vietnam for the first time, after US-China trade tensions put the gaming industry's reliance on China-based production in jeopardy. Analysts said rivals including Sony and Microsoft may follow Nintendo's move depending on how Beijing manages its trade dispute with Washington.

Facebook official responds to Maxine Waters on cryptocurrency project
Emily Birnbaum, The Hill

David Marcus, the head of Facebook's new cryptocurrency project, Libra, assured Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) that the company is "taking the time to do this right" after a group of Democratic lawmakers, including Waters, called for Facebook to halt its plans. In a letter to Waters and other top members of the House Financial Services Committee, Marcus defended Libra's mission and vowed to answer policymakers' "important questions," according to a copy of the letter obtained by The Hill on Tuesday ahead of planned hearings on the issue.

Frustrated Musk Shakes Up Autopilot Team
Amir Efrati, The Information

Several key Tesla engineering managers working on its Autopilot semi-automated driving feature left the company after CEO Elon Musk told some employees he was unhappy with the progress in developing fully automated driving capabilities, according to one current and one former Tesla employee who have been involved in the effort.

Apple starts China app development program in services business push
Josh Horwitz, Reuters

Apple Inc (AAPL.O) has started a program in Shanghai to help Chinese developers create apps as part of the iPhone maker's efforts to build out its services business in one of its most critical overseas markets. The program, or accelerator, will hold lectures, workshops and networking sessions for developers regularly, the company said in a statement on Tuesday.

Pain meds and bathroom dashes: A Philly author's time working at an Amazon warehouse
Juliana Feliciano Reyes, Philadelphia Inquirer

There's a moment halfway through our tour when a woman asks our guide, Isaac, what's in the vending machines. Emily Guendelsberger and I give each other a look.

Bonds Fall, Stocks Drop Ahead of Powell Testimony: Markets Wrap
Laura Curtis, Bloomberg

U.S. Treasuries fell along with European government bonds and stocks as investors scaled back bets on the extent of Federal Reserve easing before testimony by Chairman Jerome Powell. Crude oil gained.

Intellectual Property and Antitrust

For Attorney General Barr, a Thorny History With Silicon Valley
Christopher Stern, The Information

William Barr spent most of the 24 years between his first and second stints as

U.S. attorney general working for Verizon as general counsel and serving on the board of Time Warner, two companies that over that period were among Silicon Valley's biggest policy opponents. Now Mr. Barr holds the fate of Google and Apple in his hands, as the Justice Department considers antitrust action against both.

Telecom, Wireless and TV

Khanna to Reintroduce Bill Mandating Broadband Economic Impact Studies
Sam Sabin, Morning Consult

Rep. Ro Khanna (D-Calif.) is set to reintroduce on Wednesday his version of legislation that would require the Commerce Department to start studying the economic effects of U.S. broadband deployment and adoption. The bill mandates that the department conduct the study every two years, with the first one required to be released within two years of the bill's enactment.

T-Mobile says it can't be sued by users because of forced-arbitration clause
Jon Brodkin, Ars Technica

T-Mobile US is trying to force customers into arbitration in order to avoid a class-action lawsuit that accuses the phone carrier of violating federal law by selling its customers' real-time location data to third parties. T-Mobile yesterday filed a motion to compel arbitration in US District Court in Maryland, saying that customers agreed to terms and conditions that require disputes to be handled in arbitration instead of courts.

House to Hold Spectrum Policy Hearing
John Eggerton, Broadcasting & Cable

The House Energy & Commerce Committee will hold a hearing Tuesday, July 16, on spectrum policy. The hearing, "Our Wireless Future: Building a Comprehensive Approach to Spectrum Policy," will look at how Congress can boost the migration to 5G while ensuring consumers are protected and that "thoughtful policy choices" are made, said Committee chairman Frank Pallone (D-N.J.) and Mike Doyle (D-Pa.), chairman of the Communications Subcommittee.

Mobile Technology and Social Media

Trump looks to rally controversial online allies at White House social media summit
Tony Romm et al., The Washington Post

President Trump has summoned Republican lawmakers, political strategists and social media stars to the White House on Thursday to discuss the "opportunities and challenges" of the Web - but his upcoming summit, critics say, could end up empowering online provocateurs who have adopted controversial political tactics entering the 2020 election campaign.

Graham: tech companies should 'earn' liability shield
Laura Castro Lindarte, Roll Call

Changes may be coming to the provision in communications law that limits web platforms, like Facebook and Google, from being sued for user content, if Senate Judiciary Chairman Lindsey Graham has his way. Following a hearing on protections for children from internet predators before his committee Tuesday, Graham said he wants to hold big tech companies more accountable by making them "earn" liability protections.

Facebook gets experimental with new apps to reel you in
Queenie Wong, CNET

Get ready for a flood of new Facebook apps. The social media giant said Tuesday it's created a team, known as New Product Experimentation, to design, build and launch apps that give people "entirely new experiences for building community."

Facebook Sets Goal to Double Female Workforce in Five Years
Kurt Wagner, Bloomberg

Facebook Inc. unveiled new diversity goals on Tuesday, including an effort to double the number of female employees globally over the next five years, and double the number of black and Hispanic employees in the U.S. The world's largest social media company also wants half of its U.S. workforce to be from underrepresented groups by 2024.

Lime parts ways with another executive in overhaul of top ranks

Shannon Bond and Tim Bradshaw, Financial Times

Lime has parted ways with another executive in the latest overhaul to the US scooter start-up's top ranks as it tries to harness rapid growth into a sustainable business. Caen Contee, who was described as a member of the start-up's "founding team" and most recently led its international expansion, has left Lime, the company confirmed.

Chinese Tech Companies Are Coming for America's Influencers

Lucas Shaw, Bloomberg

China's largest technology companies are gunning for YouTube's biggest stars. The Qingteng Club, a group affiliated with social media and gaming giant Tencent Holdings Ltd., will host executives and celebrities from the Chinese and U.S. online video industries at a private event in California this week, according to attendees.

Cybersecurity and Privacy

Amazon Provided Police with 'Heat Maps' of Package Theft for Sting Operation

Caroline Haskins, Motherboard

Amazon creates zip code-specific "heat maps" that show where the company has lost packages, and in at least one case, Amazon used these heat maps to help police plan a package theft sting operation. Amazon is, in some cases, performing "data analysis" to be shared with the police, and is working much more closely with police than it has previously admitted, emails obtained by Motherboard show.

Hacked Border Surveillance Firm Wants To Profile Drivers, Passengers, And Their "Likely Trip Purpose" In New York City

Sam Biddle, The Intercept

Just months before millions of its internal documents were stolen and dumped on the internet, the Tennessee-based surveillance company Perceptics was preparing to pitch New York's transit authority on how it could help enforce impending "congestion pricing" rules, according to leaked documents reviewed by The Intercept. The pitch, as outlined in the files, went well beyond mere toll

enforcement and into profiling New Yorkers' travel patterns and companions, creating what experts describe as major privacy risks.

Europe's top court sets date for opinion on Facebook privacy

Gabriela Baczynska and Georgina Prodhan, Reuters

Europe's top court will give an opinion on Dec. 12 on Austrian privacy activist Max Schrems' landmark case against Facebook, which will affect how hundreds of thousands of companies transfer personal data worldwide. The date was set at the end of a Court of Justice of the European Union (ECJ) hearing on Tuesday in which the world's biggest social network, technology lobbyists and governments faced off against privacy campaigners led by Schrems, who has a record of winning important cases against Facebook.

Banned Chinese Security Cameras Are Almost Impossible to Remove

Olivia Carville, Bloomberg

U.S. federal agencies have five weeks to rip out Chinese-made surveillance cameras in order to comply with a ban imposed by Congress last year in an effort to thwart the threat of spying from Beijing. But thousands of the devices are still in place and chances are most won't be removed before the Aug. 13 deadline.

DNA-Testing Service Exposed Thousands of Customer Records Online

Nico Grant, Bloomberg

DNA-testing service Vitagene Inc. left thousands of client health reports exposed online for years, the kind of incident that privacy advocates have warned about as gene testing has become increasingly popular. More than 3,000 user files remained accessible to the public on Amazon Web Services cloud-computer servers until July 1, when Vitagene was notified of the issue and shut down external access to the sensitive personal information, according to documents obtained by Bloomberg.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

'Kid Vid' TV rules are growing up

Michael O'Reilly, The Hill

Nearly three decades have passed since the Children's Television Act of 1990 became law, which resulted in Federal Communications Commission regulations commonly referred to as "Kid Vid." Among other requirements, these rules require broadcasters to air a certain number of hours of educational and informational programming per week at specified times of the day.

Tougher data rules have unintended consequences for competition
Izabella Kaminska, Financial Times

Data was supposed to be the new oil. The theory was that if you could find it, extract it and process it into valuable insights you could make an extremely healthy margin selling the finished product to advertisers.

The Rise and Fall of the Palo Alto Consensus
Kevin Munger, The New York Times

A one-size-fits-all internet was supposed to liberate the world. We underestimated the demand for information about how white nationalism is good and vaccines are bad.

Research Reports

Semi-Annual Report to Congress, 1 October 2018-31 March 2019
National Security Agency's Office of the Inspector General

The unclassified version of the SAR covers the period from October 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019, and reflects what NSA OIG could release publicly about its work for that reporting period. The OIG issued 13 reports and oversight memoranda during that period, making 198 recommendations to assist the Agency in addressing the findings and deficiencies identified.

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